



1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
5. Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of July 27, 2021
6. Community Police Report
7. Mayor's Report
8. Public Comment
9. Committee Reports:
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  - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met July 21, 2021. The Committee next meets on **Thursday, August 26, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
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  - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Reagan: The Committee last met July 21, 2021. The Committee next meets on **Thursday, August 26, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
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  - d. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Neighborhood Safety** Grant in the amount of \$134.78 (line item: 01-21-503)
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  - f. Motion to authorize payment to Horowitz Concrete for work completed on the Sterling Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$13,750.00 (line item: 10-00-880) and for ADA ramps and additional intersection work in the amount of \$8,500.00 (line item: 01-41-860)
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11. Public Comment:

12. Adjournment

**The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

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1. Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Mayor Dillon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Members present: Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Dohm, Thomas, Mathewson, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, Edmonds, and City Treasurer McGill. Absent: Alderperson Silver. Also present were City Attorney Biggott, Administrator Krider, guests Jerry Meisner, Mark Hagel, Tim Stamate, Rick Patel and Deputy Clerk Zych. Priscilla Peterson attended remotely.
4. There were No Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
5. A Motion to Approve the Minutes from the regular meeting of July 27, 2021 was made by Alderperson Thomas and seconded by Alderperson Reagan. There were no corrections. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Thomas, Reagan, Dohm, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky and Edmonds. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Absent: Silver. **Motion carried.**
6. Community Police Report – Deputy Tim Gilmore presented the following statistics: 16 warrant arrests, 12 driving suspended/revoked, 7 battery/domestic, 6 criminal trespass, 4 unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, 4 theft/retail theft, 3 reckless driving, 3 burglary, 3 criminal damage to property, 2 criminal trespass or burglary to vehicle, 1 possession of controlled substance, 1 hit and run, 1 assault, 1 DUI, 1 violation of order of protection, 1 armed robbery, 1 mob action, and 1 illegal transfer of liquor. He mentioned that car burglaries are down but may be picking back up. Encouraged everyone to call the Sheriff's office if you see anything suspicious and keep doors locked. Confirmed a car theft on Heading Avenue, victim left car running while taking an elderly resident in to the house. In response to a question, Gilmore clarified that mob action usually means battery and as few as 2 people against 1. He also relayed that the incident at Corn Stock Theater was an open and shut case, the guy is in custody, no one was shot. Mayor Dillon offered that Sheriff Asbell notifies him or Administrator Krider before an incident in West Peoria is reported to the press, and it is very much appreciated.
7. Mayor's Report
  - Mayor Dillon thanked the Sheriff and deputies for their attendance, and everyone involved in the annual Night Out Against Crime last Tuesday. The event worked out very nice. The Fire Department showed some of their new equipment, and the County had a new truck.
  - Announced TIF Joint Review meeting is August 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. here at City Hall.
  - In follow-up with Transportation and Public Safety, he has been working with Public Works Manger Strube and Administrator Krider who are checking on the purchase of another radar machine on a pole -- removable and checking on a radar machine that takes pictures automatically and sends out a ticket. Information is being gathered. Peoria County Sheriff's office recommended talking to the State Attorney's office on the legalities of such equipment. We are checking to see prices and if they are legal in non-home rule communities/municipalities. Public Works Manager Strube has spoken with someone that has the machine in a small community in Iowa who does it by City Ordinance on their main street, as they can't do side streets due to too many parked cars and must be 11 mph over speed limit.

## 8. Public Comment

- Mark Hagel, with Accel Entertainment, introduced himself and said he is representing Rick Patel who is the owner of a tobacco shop on the corner of Western and Main. Mr. Patel would like to extend the former Kind Mindz building at the corner of Western and Main and turn it into a smoke shop with a drive-thru and walk-in with video gaming. The State requires alcohol sales for gaming establishments. The Mayor offered that the City has been approached by a couple other places wanting video gaming. The guests were present to answer any questions the Council might have and is not requesting a liquor license at this meeting. The property is next to Annie's and El Zarape, which both have video gaming. Video gaming taxes have been a good revenue source for the City. It was mentioned that Peoria has a limit on gaming devices but is thinking of opening it up. Mr. Hagel explained that Accel now owns Abraham Amusements and with all their establishments they have had no problems. He added that gaming helps business owners make a little more money and helps the cities with tax revenue. Tim Stamate, Accel Region Business Development Manager, offered that Mr. Patel also owns a smoke shop with gaming – the Lucky 7 Lounge on Prospect in Peoria Heights, which is doing very well. The Mayor offered we currently have 3 parties interested in such licensing – 2 on Western and 1 on Farmington Road. Circle K wants to put an addition on their building for gaming. Mr. Stamate added, Mr. Patel is trying to create a chain type of establishment, similar to JB Hawks, where unlike a parlor that relies solely on the gaming, he will have half the revenue from tobacco and supplies and other half from gaming; thereby being able to put more money into his locations. He put approximately \$70,000 into his property on Prospect. Everyone was encouraged to visit the place and reach out to Mr. Hagel or Mr. Patel with any questions. Mayor Dillon stated there will probably be another meeting regarding licenses for video gaming.
- Priscilla Peterson announced Neighborhood Watch is tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. Deputy Tim Gilmore will be the guest speaker. She also mentioned that it was posted on the Facebook West Peoria Community Page that there have been 7 or 8 cars vandalized since the weekend. Please be sure to call the Sheriff's department if you see anything suspicious.
- The Mayor announced that the Boy Scout's Ice Cream Social is Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at the fire station from 6 to 8 pm.

## 9. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met August 4, 2021 and took care of normal business and discussed what's on the agenda tonight. Due to a schedule conflict, the next meeting will be the second Wednesday -- September 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. here at City Hall.
- b. Transportation Committee: In Chair Silver's absence, Alderperson Edmonds reported that the Committee last met July 21, 2021 and hasn't met since the last Council meeting. Due to a schedule conflict, the Committee next meets on **Thursday, August 26, 2021** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met August 4, 2021. Did its normal housekeeping and continuing to discuss more about solar and wind energy. Alderperson Abraham is talking with some people about renewable energy and will bring back his information to committee, and our attorneys are working on it as well. Working on the Tiny House ordinance and getting close to bringing something to Council. These are brand new subjects so there's not a lot of information out there to research. Spent a lot of time on an event ordinance which is on tonight's agenda. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

- d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Reagan: The Committee last met July 21, 2021 and hasn't met since the last Council meeting. Due to a schedule conflict, the Committee next meets on **Thursday, August 26, 2021** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

#### 10. New Business

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- b. Motion to pass Ordinance **2021-31** Amending Title 5, Chapter 6 of the City Code of the City of West Peoria and Establishing Regulations for Itinerant Merchants and Special Events was made by Alderperson Reagan and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion: Administrator Krider explained this ordinance is being created as we don't currently have one for events. She further stated that the Ordinance was reviewed at the Land Use meeting and a few last-minute clarifications/corrections have been made: (1) Page 2, Table of Contents 5-6-5 and 5-6-6 changed to Permit and/or License to be consistent in the Table of Contents and the rest of the Chapter, (2) Page 6, Section 5-6-13 C5. Put a specific timeframe of 18 months for past violations of the Ordinance, and (3) Page 7, Section 5-6-21 Penalty. It was only saying fine of \$100 to \$500 each day. Now specified \$100 to \$500 per violation and each day the violation exists.
- This Ordinance was developed to have something on the books as we have had, and will have, events that need to be regulated by the City, as well as police and fire. There is an application that follows the Ordinance and gets more specific to ensure all the necessary information is provided prior to an event. The Ordinance covers carnivals, farmers market, Taste of West Peoria, block parties, etc. We will have one form to encompass multiple groups. It is not designed for the single pop-up produce stand on private property. It was clarified that the current establishments with live music in an outdoor beer garden are currently given a temporary liquor license. Plan is to treat a temporary cannabis event same as a temporary liquor license. If an establishment wants to host a large event outdoors or in their parking lot, whereby there is a planned aggregation of people that would be outside their normal operations, they will need an event license. Roll call votes: Reagan, Ruskusky, Dohm, Thomas, Mathewson, Abraham, and Edmonds. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Absent: Silver. **Motion carried.**
- c. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$9,662.48 (line item: 01-11-503) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Mathewson, Ruskusky, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham and Edmonds. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Absent: Silver. **Motion carried.**
- d. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Neighborhood Safety Grant** in the amount of \$134.78 (line item: 01-21-503) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by

Aldersperson Thomas. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Mathewson, Thomas, Dohm, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Edmonds. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Absent: Silver.

**Motion carried.**

- e. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the TIF Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 (line item: 15-00-507) was made by Aldersperson Mathewson and seconded by Aldersperson Reagan. Finance Chair Mathewson offered that although RDG funds have run out, there are still funds available in the Neighborhood Safety and TIF programs. Roll call votes: Ayes: Mathewson, Reagan, Dohm, Thomas, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Edmonds. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Absent: Silver.
- Motion carried.**
- f. Motion to authorize payment to Horowitz Concrete for work completed on the Sterling Avenue Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$13,750.00 (line item: 10-00-880) and for ADA ramps and additional intersection work in the amount of \$8,500.00 (line item: 01-41-860) was made by Aldersperson Edmonds and seconded by Aldersperson Abraham. In discussion, it was pointed out that the City is paying an additional \$6,350.00 over the actual bid amount. Mayor Dillon explained that Public Works Manager Strube said the extra work was needed to make portions of the sidewalk 8 ft. wide instead of 5 ft. to finish it off better, as well as the extra work stated on the invoice. Roll call votes: Ayes: Edmonds, Abraham, Dohm, Thomas, Mathewson, Reagan, and Ruskusky. Nays: 0. Abstentions: 0. Absent: Silver.
- Motion carried.**
- g. Motion to authorize City Administrator to purchase two fire-resistant cabinets for permanent file storage not to exceed \$8,000.00 (line item: 04-00-652) was made by Aldersperson Mathewson and seconded by Aldersperson Dohm. Administrator Krider explained that the State requires retaining original paper records and does not accept digitalized documents at this time. With the township documents added, she does not have enough fire-resistant file cabinets. Roll call: Ayes: Mathewson, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Edmonds. Nays: 0. Abstention: 0. Absent: Silver.
- Motion carried.**
- h. Motion to approve the Grant Request for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Peoria Golf Outing in the amount of \$1,000.00 (line item: 01-11-911) was made by Aldersperson Mathewson and seconded by Aldersperson Abraham. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Mathewson, Abraham, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan. Nays: 0. Abstentions: Ruskusky and Edmonds. Absent: Silver.

**Motion carried.**

#### 11. Public Comment

- Aldersperson Ruskusky, on behalf of the Fire Department, wanted to again thank the City and Aldersperson Edmonds for the donation and all their hard work for last year's first golf outing. He gave an update as to what equipment last year's donation went towards. He wanted to let everyone know the funds were put to good use and greatly appreciated.
- Sharon Kennedy reminded everyone the Fall Cleanup Day is September 11<sup>th</sup> at the City garage. Volunteers are needed as some of the regular helpers won't be available this year. Could use some young and energetic recruits. There will be some signs and 2 banners made this year. A list of items accepted is on the website and in the August newsletter.

12. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Aldersperson Edmonds at 7:50 p.m. and seconded by Aldersperson Reagan.
- The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Pam Zych, Deputy City Clerk

